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INDIA CHALLENGES BRITAIN ON PALESTINE ISSUE

30,000 Car Workers On Strike

Paris, Apr. 29. Thirty thousand workers struck today in France's great nationalised Renault auto plant. The workers want more pay.

The strike order was issued by the powerful, Communist-controlled CGT labour organisation. A CGT official said it was possible a few cars would still be working, but they were expected out shortly.

If the strike continues, it will seriously impede France's economic effort. The Renault factories, which are State-owned, were producing daily 90 automobiles, 100 trucks and 12 farm tractors.

The movement started through a wildcat strike launched by 12,000 workers acting against CGT orders last Saturday.

At that time, Left Wing newspapers wrote: "Everybody knows this strike was launched against the will of the unionised directorship of the plants. It is a manoeuvre directed against the CGT and against the programme for nationalisation."

VARY DEMANDS

Apparently unable to master the situation, the CGT hastily switched and has now given the strike its official blessing.

The CGT demands, however, are slightly different from those of the original 12,000 strikers.

The original strikers demanded a minimum of 7,000 francs per month for 200 hours of work, plus an increase of 10 francs per hour over existing rates.

The CGT demands are slightly less exacting. They want an hourly increase of three francs.

Throughout the afternoon there was a series of consultations between the different labour union leaders and representatives of the Ministry of Labour. The situation remained confused, however. At the very minute the spokesman for the CGT told the United Press the strike would be general throughout Renault plants, the Agency—France—Press quoted the Secretary of the labour unions as saying work had recommenced.—United Press.

Fortune For A Penny

Aberdeen, Apr. 30. A 59-year-old stonemason, William Melville, earning \$5.10 a week, won \$64,450 in a football pool to-day. This is the highest-ever money awarded in a penny-points pool.

The previous record for a football pool prize was the \$61,000, won by Edward Cross, also of Aberdeen.—Associated Press.

Guerillas' New Technique

Counter Offensive By Greek Communists

Athens, Apr. 29. Communist sources in Athens today disclosed a new programme for a guerrilla counter-offensive, following raids on three armed cities in Macedonia yesterday.

A high Communist official said bands would henceforth concentrate on large cities instead of small settlements. He said decisions for a new programme were reached at secret sessions at the Yugo-Slav border and in Athens.

About 200 guerrillas in a surprise attack drove deeply into the city of Grevena in Western Macedonia and staged a short battle against Army forces protecting east and west fortifications. The band withdrew with slight losses on both sides.

At the same time early yesterday, another band besieged the electric plant in Yannitsa, but was repulsed. A third group of 200 men slipped into Verrola and burned two houses before withdrawing.

Near Salonika, a band attacked a gendarmery company, with losses on both sides.

The Communist leader said 1,000 prominent Communists allegedly destined for surprise arrest had been instructed to scatter into the hills or go underground in Athens. He said successors to the present leaders in Athens already had been named in case of arrests.

An official said a purge had been carried out within the Party and all members favouring an autonomous Macedonia—rather than the Soviet line of a Macedonian Republic of Greater South Slavia had been kicked out.—United Press.

Question Of Accepting Any UN Recommendations

India today called on Britain to disclose whether or not she will accept whatever action is taken by the General Assembly on the Palestine problem. The Indian Ambassador, Asaf Ali, addressed the question to the British delegation in the opening skirmish of the Steering Committee's debate, insisting that an answer was necessary now.

Citing newspaper reports as saying that the British have not considered themselves bound to the Assembly decision, Ali said, "If so, what is the use of considering any item on Palestine here?"

Sir Alexander Cadogan offered immediately an answer to Asaf Ali's question but the Assembly President, Oswaldo Aranha, interrupted, saying that the Steering Committee was not yet in a position to discuss such questions.

The Committee met for a preliminary attempt to decide the Assembly agenda involving a move by five Arab states to obtain a full-dress debate on immediate independence for Palestine and an end of Britain's mandate.

Russia's Andrei Gromyko sided with India, arguing that Ali's question was pertinent to the Committee's task. This move strengthened reports that Russia is ready to break up with the western powers' line up with the Arabs.

Sir Alexander, in a brief answer to Ali, recalled Lord Hall's statement in the House of Lords last week when he said that the British government could not carry out a policy "which it does not approve." He said this did not mean that Britain would reject the United Nations' recommendation. He added that he might make a "reservation" on this point when he speaks before the Assembly later this week.

DISSATISFIED

All immediately attacked Cadogan's remarks. He said: "If it does not approve of our action his Majesty's Government will walk out on the whole show. Is that how the United Nations should operate? Either the applicant says that, whatever our recommendation, he will accept it, or we shall be wasting our time." Cadogan replied, pleading for understanding of Britain's position. He said: "Any Assembly recommendation may have to be enforced. It is easy for some other government to say that the United Kingdom by itself should enforce it and should use its own blood treasure without help from others. It is only on this point that I shall make reservation at the proper time in the Assembly."

The Iraq Foreign Minister, Dr Fadil Jamali, backing up his country's demand for declaration of Palestine independence, said: "Arabs of Palestine have been the victims of the deepest thing which every civilised nation is entitled to enjoy, namely freedom and independence. They are becoming desperate and life to them has no meaning unless they are given their natural rights." The Iraq Minister continuing said: "The Arabs have been deprived of freedom simply because there is a mandate which has no moral or legal foundation." The mandate was one of the mistakes of the League of Nations, which needed to be corrected by the United Nations, he said.

"Britain, I am sure, did its utmost to help Zionists to come into Palestine and implement that part of the mandate, which concerns the Jews, against the wishes of the inhabitants. It cannot continue like that." (Continued on Page 4)

STOP PRESS Russia's Stand On Palestine

Flushing, Apr. 29. Russia split with the Western Powers and sided with the Arabs in a drive to force the United Nations General Assembly into a full and complete debate on the Palestine crisis.

The Soviet position was disclosed officially for the first time during the fight in the Assembly's powerful Steering Committee over the Anglo-American attempt to restrict the United Nations to formation of a Palestine fact-finding committee during the current session.

Soviet Andrei Gromyko emphasised, however, that Russia did not believe the Assembly should necessarily try to decide at this session on the Arabs' bid for "termination of the British mandate and declaration of independence" for the Holy Land.

Mr Gromyko revealed the Soviet stand, saying, "Many people might well ask why the General Assembly does not desire to consider the substance of the Palestine problem." His move set the scene for a stiff procedural battle between the Arabs and the Anglo-Americans, who had hoped to avoid discussing in full the Palestine problem before next September.

Mr Gromyko added that full discussion now "does not mean we must make a decision on the substance of the problem now."

The Arabs, bolstered by the Russian support, plunged the Steering Committee into a debate which forced postponement of tomorrow's session of the full Assembly. The Arabs brought in all their spokesmen for the debate and warned the Committee that the Middle East reached a state of high tension "because Palestine was being kept under British domination."—United Press.

"ULTIMATUM" HAS EFFECT

Soviets To Return "Lost" Trucks

Herford, Apr. 29. The Russian zone authorities in Germany have undertaken to return missing railway wagons—estimated at 12,600—to the British zone of Germany, it is reliably learned here tonight.

This followed an "ultimatum" from the British zone authorities that unless the missing goods trucks were returned by the end of next month all shipments of goods by rail from the British zone to the Soviet zone would be stopped.

If the Russians carry out their undertaking to return the goods trucks, the ban on traffic between the two zones will not be enforced, it was learned.

The British order, if enforced, would mean the virtual end of inter-zonal trade and would deprive the industries in the Soviet zone of sorely-needed coal and steel supplies from the Ruhr.

The Russian zone, it was stated here, was holding 12,600 British zone wagons—nearly seven percent of the British zone's wagon fleet, with a potential carrying capacity of half a million tons of coal a month.

Repeated requests for the return of the wagons have remained unanswered, it was stated, "and it is now felt that although the proposed steps are drastic, they are the only way to deal with a serious situation."

At the same time, the British and American authorities—the Military Government—have warned Austria, Czechoslovakia and certain other countries, which between them have 16,000 British wagons, that unless they are returned the two Western zones will bring to an end the arrangement whereby their transit traffic across Germany is operated by British and American wagons.

The step, if taken, would be a great blow to such countries as Czechoslovakia, which possesses no coastline and depends to a great extent on transit across Germany for trade.—Reuter.

Still Less Meat For Britain

London, Apr. 29. The Food Minister, Mr John Strachey, told a press conference today that meat allocations to manufacturers of sausages and other meat products would be reduced temporarily, effective next Sunday. Most manufacturers will receive only 40 instead of 50 per cent of their prewar supplies.

The reduction will not apply to general butchers. Mr Strachey said the reduction was largely caused by winter losses. More than 100,000 tons of home meat had been lost through animal deaths, attributed to the severe cold.

Mr Strachey said the Food Ministry had concluded an agreement with Poland to purchase 30,000,000 to 50,000,000 eggs to be shipped here before September 30. The first shipment was expected this week.

He said substantial wheat shipments from Canada were expected soon. Soap production was lagging because of the winter fuel crisis, he said.

Distribution of the 1947-48 ration book for 47,000,000 Britons will start in June. It comes into use on July 20.—United Press.

How To Solve The Colonial Problem

Washington, Apr. 30. More profits from the Colonial development should be ploughed back into colonies if the dependent peoples are to find less attraction in the Soviet system, says the American Foreign Policy Association today.

To backward peoples, the Association said, in a review of the colonial problems, "Moscow's suppression of political liberties is likely to appear less impressive than the Russian economic and educational achievements."

The Association, a private research group noted that

"In most poverty stricken backward areas the individual liberties cherished in the Western democratic world have little meaning. The world at large has been estimated to hold only about 600,000,000 people who share the traditional democratic freedom as opposed to the 1,000,000,000 who do not act."

It is the latter group the Association said that is likely to be the most impressed with the Soviet economic and educational advances. Vernon McKay, who prepared the review, noted that nearly two-thirds of the 300,000,000 colonials are subjects of Britain, France and the Netherlands. He added that the new colonial plans of the three countries "place special emphasis on constitutional changes to grant the dependent

Government's Cotton Buying Plan Attacked

London, Apr. 29. The Government's plan for the centralised purchase of cotton was severely attacked in the House of Lords today where, however, the Cotton Bill, giving legal effect to the scheme, was given its second reading.

Viscount Hall, First Lord of the Admiralty, moving the second reading, said that there was only one test that could be applied to these proposals, namely, could the Cotton Commission serve the cotton industry employers and work people and indeed the nation better than the "old method of speculative gambling" which existed before the war.

"We think it can," he declared. "It is the Government's view that a single buyer will provide not only the service given by the Liverpool and Manchester markets but will provide more adequately and cheaply the raw cotton required."

There would be no opportunity for speculators to dabble in the fortunes of this great industry.

Viscount Hall said that the amount of cotton in stock at home was one and a half million bales, with a quarter of a million in transit and half a million in foreign countries.

"Foolish" ACTION Lord Cherwell, Conservative, believed that the closure of the Liverpool Cotton Exchange was foolish and would cost the country a vast amount of foreign exchange. Another danger was that prices would be subject to political pressure.

"Bulk buying inevitably leads to bulk selling and prices are not fixed by supply and demand but by arguments around a table."

GERMANS ARE DEPRESSED

Warning To Allies

Berlin, Apr. 29. A warning that the "increasing depression of Germans through failure of the Allies to come to decisions is liable at any time to result in exasperation and desperation" was given today by the British Deputy Military Governor, Lieut-General Sir Brian Robertson.

He told a press conference, however, that "it would be quite wrong to suppose that because an agreement was not reached in Moscow it cannot be reached at subsequent meetings."

If the Moscow Conference was looked at as the first round, then progress had been made. On many of the most important questions, very considerable progress had been made. For the first time the four Foreign Ministers discussed in concrete form the future political structure of Germany.

"It is not surprising that they were unable to reach an agreement at the first attempt," Sir Brian said, adding that an agreement on political principles governing the structure of Germany should be possible at the next meeting of the Foreign Ministers.

He hoped that there would be final acceptance of the views propounded by Mr Ernest Bevin in Moscow in a document the outcome of which was "political and economic unity combined with proper decentralisation and conditioned by true democracy." The establishment of a Western state in Germany was entirely contrary to the British Government's policy.—Reuter.

"The prices that emerge have little relation to world figures," he declared. He thought that the Cotton Commission would be lucky if it did not have to pay ten per cent more than the normal competitive cotton prices.

Lord Darwen, Labour, speaking as chairman of a firm of cotton manufacturers, thought that the Government's scheme would save dollars by stimulating the use and therefore the growth of cotton from non-dollar areas.

Lord Teviot, Conservative, thought that the confidence that growers all over the world had had in the Liverpool cotton market in regard to prices would be wrecked.

"APPALLING RISKS"

Lord Woolton, Conservative, addressing the Government benches, said: "I am appalled at the risks the Government is running into to have an uncovered bull, which is the position you are in at present. 'You have 2,000,000 bales and how much of this country's money will be lost as a result of that? I shudder to think.' The Government, he said, were committing an act of industrial folly. There was no evidence that there would be increased efficiency. . . . 10 p.m. 105m."

Lord Chorley, Lord-in-Waiting, replying for the Government described the purpose of the bill as an essential element of rehabilitation of the cotton industry. The industry must be provided with raw material at the lowest possible cost. It had been paying for a considerable time a great deal more than it need have paid. Bulk buying had to be introduced partly because it enabled stabilised production to take place.

"It is not true that the Liverpool international market is being abolished," Lord Chorley said. "Brokers and merchants are being left perfectly free to deal in cotton, provided it is not imported into this country."—Reuter.

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EDITORIAL

Here Are The Answers

THE Chairman of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce made a long speech on Monday, and from it, one would gather that the Chamber was the least informed body in the colony. Much time and wordage was devoted to questions directed at, and implied criticism of, the Supplies, Trade and Industries Department. The questions assume almost a rhetorical character because anybody who is informed on the subject (which the Chamber of Commerce is) knows most of the answers. It can be assumed that the S. T. and I. has not operated at a loss because, since the return of civil government it has been on a self-supporting basis with a strictly limited profit margin. It will be interesting to see what return the department shows if only as a comparison to profits made elsewhere. The success that attended the efforts last summer to issue lengths of cloth with the rice ration ticket" was that every registered person in the colony got some clothes, and it is presumed that even the Chamber of Commerce will concede that the cloth was originally intended for the common people. The "outcome of the rationing of piece goods—which upset the whole trade last summer"—was that the people were able to obtain a necessary type of clothing at prices within their pockets. And just how the "trade" was so upset is hard to imagine because it was given every opportunity of sharing in the scheme. As for the question: What were the Department's experiences in regard to its handling of foodstuffs and coal? The answer is probably the same as in Singapore, Shanghai, Manila, Calcutta, and elsewhere. Because, as the Chamber of Commerce knows full well, foodstuffs and coal are under international and government-to-government allocation. If the experiences for

Hongkong were less painful than some other places that was due largely to the ingenuity of the S. T. and I. in wheeling a little more than was originally intended for the colony; due also to the Department's persistent foraging and what may almost be described as impudence in trying to obtain for Hongkong its necessities. The chairman of the Chamber of Commerce "supposes" that from a "world point of view efforts to secure an equitable distribution of the principal staple commodities are necessary." Speaking on behalf of a community dependent on staple commodities we are convinced as to this necessity. During the past twelve months there has been little reason to feel confident that private merchants would guarantee any such equitable distribution. The Chamber of Commerce recognises the necessity of local price controls in respect to the essentials of life, but not for luxury articles. Has the Chamber ever attempted (in the interests of the community) to set out the two lists? If it had, it would probably have discovered that what once were regarded as luxuries have, as a result of better living standards, become necessities; and that for many of these necessities the public was being exploited by merchants to such a degree that official control became imperative. From such a responsible body, one would have expected a more authoritative type of speech. For example, on the question of how ephemeral is Hongkong's present prosperity, and how can it be stabilised? Whether the share market today is a true reflection of business values or whether they presage a slump which is going to hurt the community? And what measures can be taken to avoid an economic recession? This is what we would have expected but what we got was something quite different and unenlightening.

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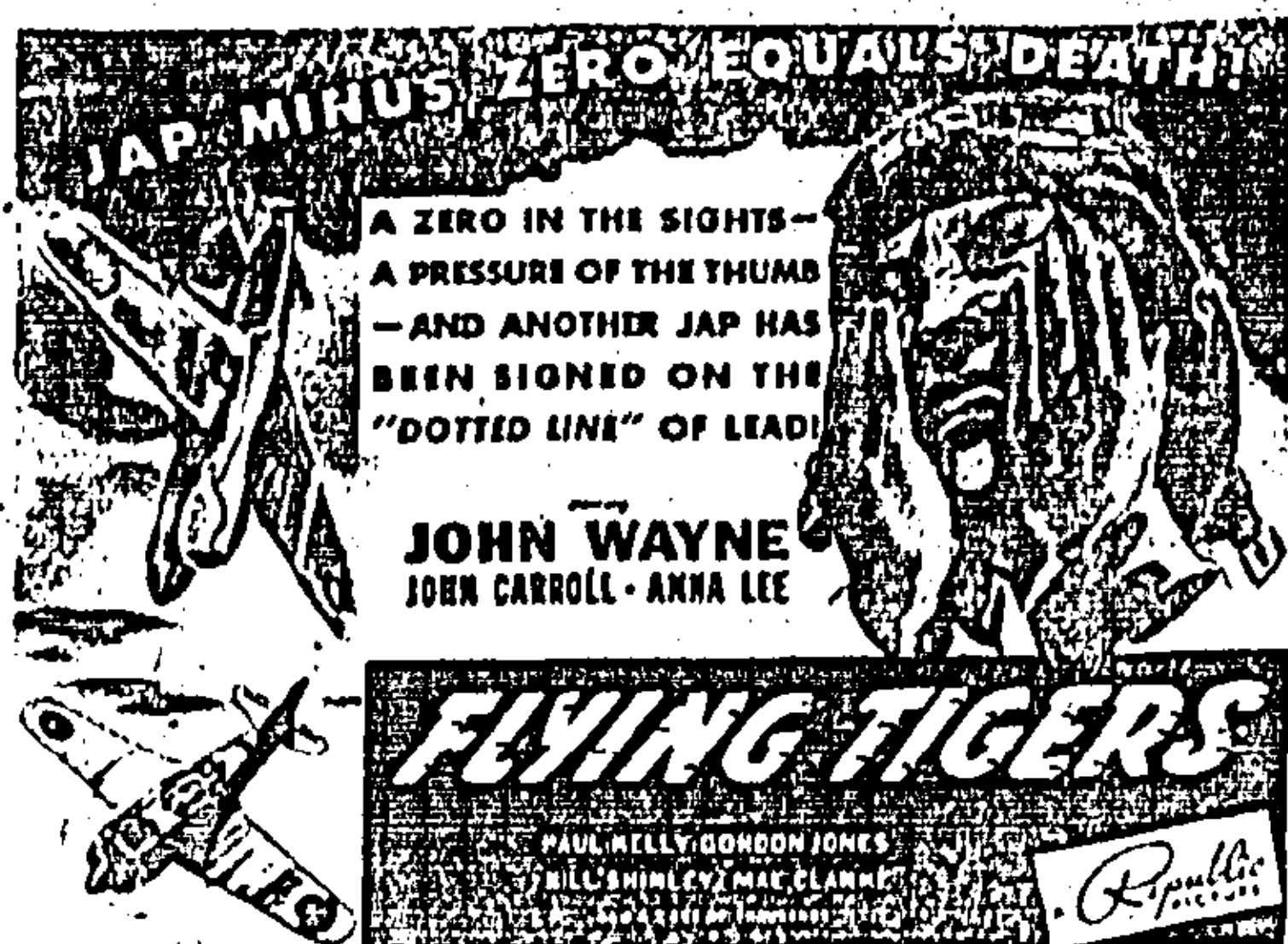
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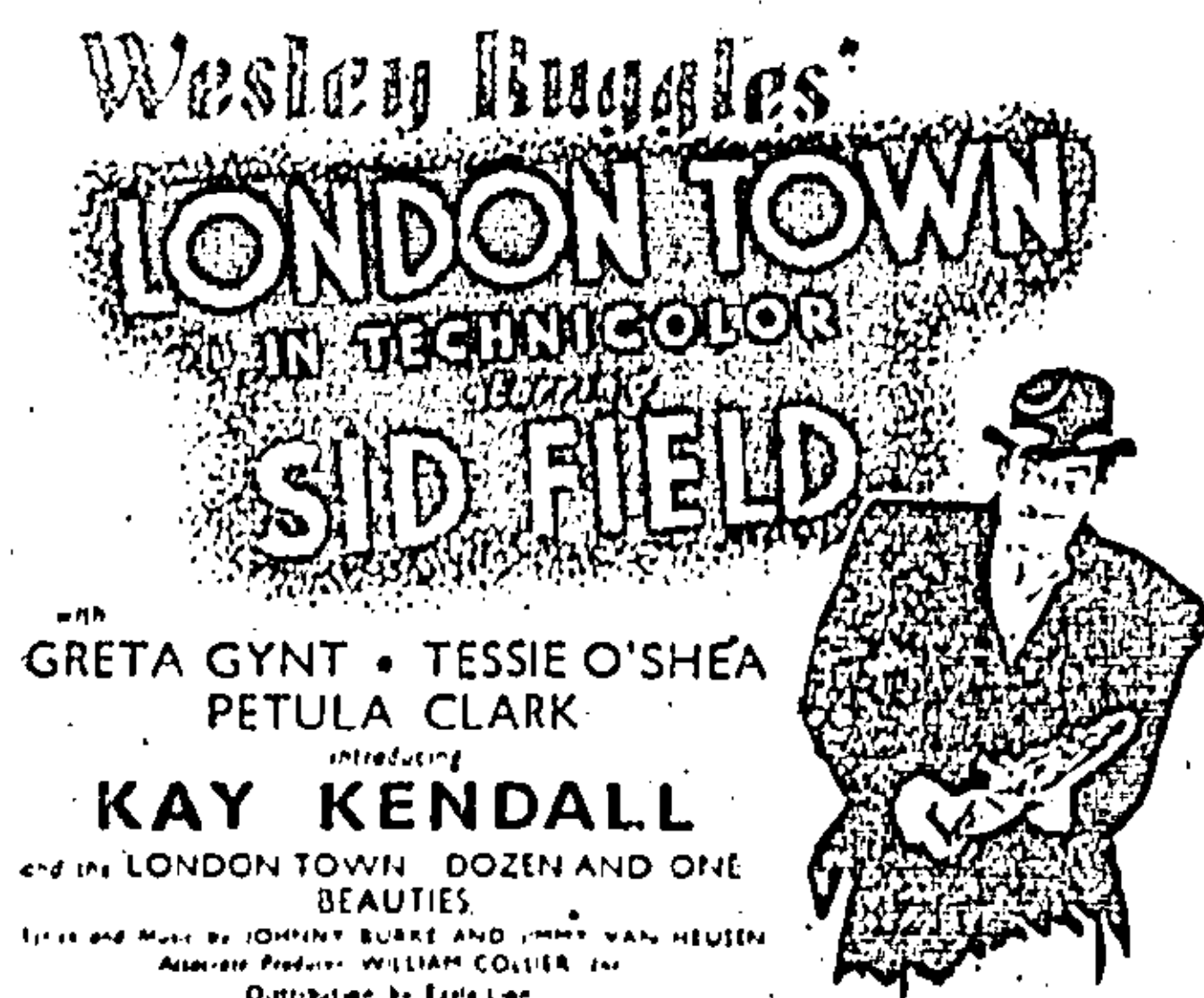
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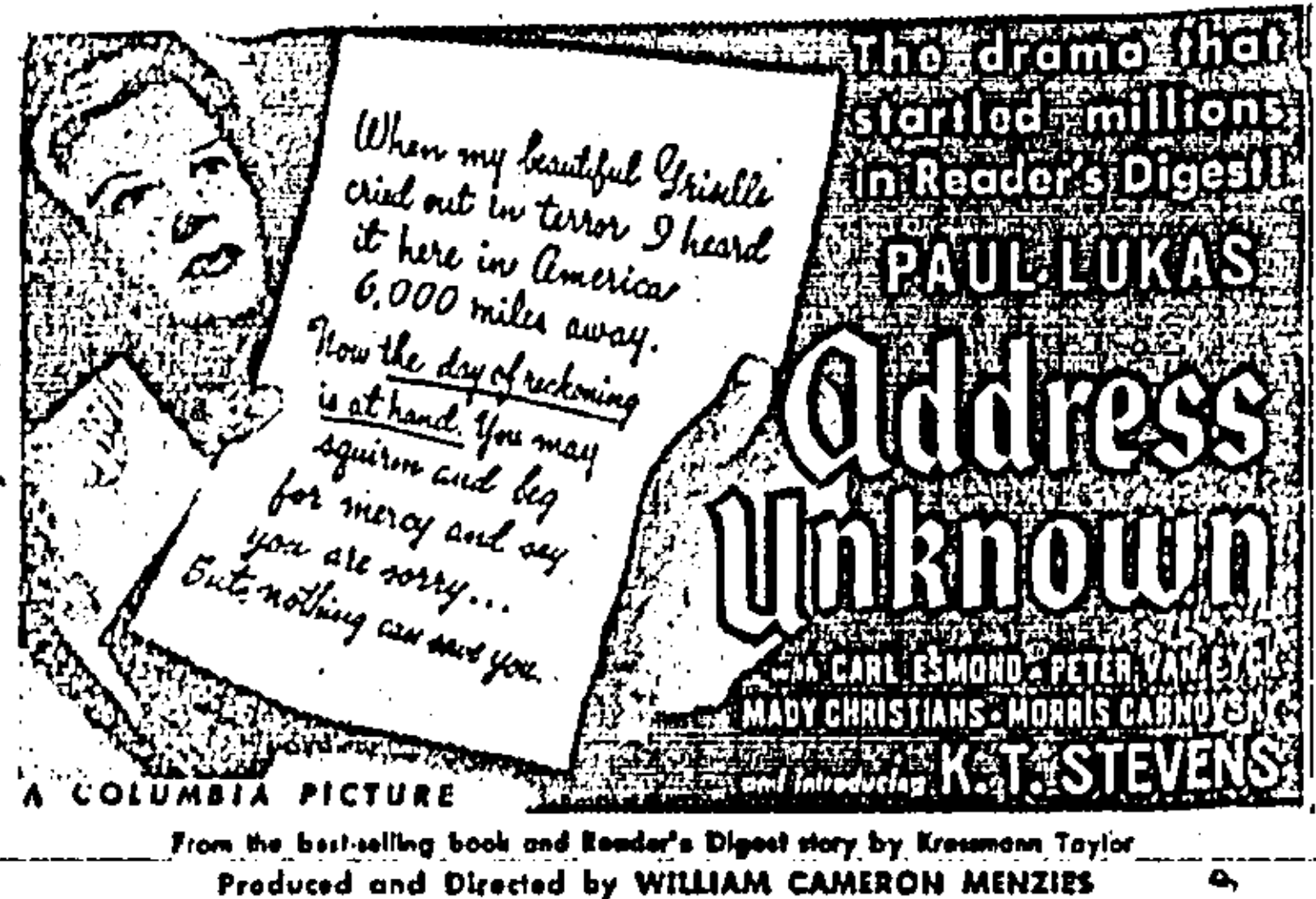
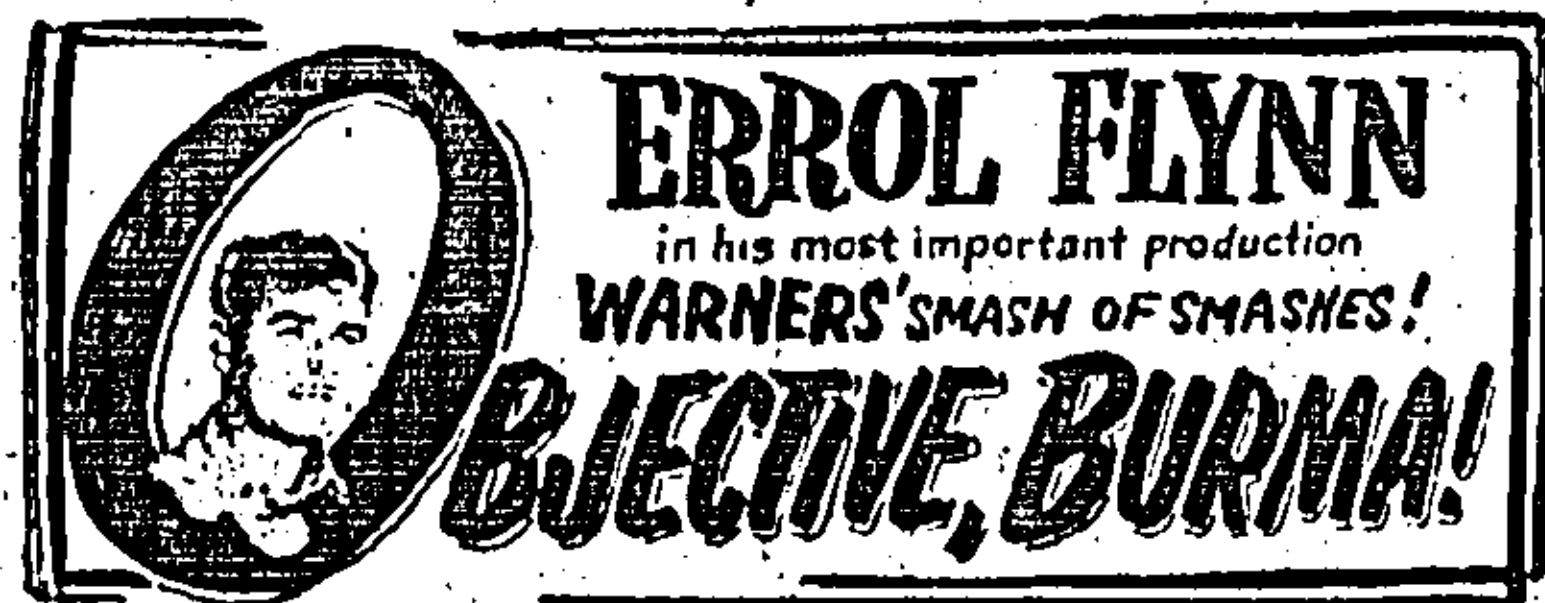
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SAVE LIFE!

Kuo Chin-sheng, 61-year-old Shanghai resident, was a sudden man in hospital after leaping out of his window on hearing a fire alarm. The fire broke out at a neighbouring house. Kuo's mistake resulted in his suffering concussion of the brain.

Every Wednesday in the Telegraph:

Sitting on the Fence

by NATHANIEL GUBBINS

IN her brightly lit nest the Other Sparrow, wearing her green moss house frock, reclined on her little settee before a twinkling fire in the tiny grate.

Lipstick from her beak stained the cigarette end she had picked up in the garden and was now holding in her claw. Miniature cocktail glasses were set on a table by her side. She was expecting the Sparrow when he banged on the front door and entered.

"My gorgeous atomic bomb," said the Sparrow. "My lovely piece of nuclear fission."

"I don't remember being dropped on the Japanese," said the Other Sparrow.

"You should have been," said the Sparrow, "you would have defeated them without bloodshed. That's how you defeated me."

"If you don't wipe those claws on the mat before you hop on to my new carpet," said the Other Sparrow, "there may be a little bloodshed thrown in."

"Which is my glass?" asked the Sparrow as he sat down beside her. "Take your choice," said the Other Sparrow, "they're all full."

"Lovely," said the Sparrow, swallowing one cocktail and picking up another. "How would you like to go to America with me?"

"I once went to Brighton with a wolf in sparrow's clothing," said the Other Sparrow.

"But this is serious," said the Sparrow.

"So was this," said the Other Sparrow. "I had to fly into the police station for protection."

"You know what I mean," said the Sparrow.

"I certainly do," said the Other Sparrow.

"I'm tired of this country," said the Sparrow.

"Tired of anything else?" asked the Other Sparrow.

"We agreed not to mention my wife," said the Sparrow.

"So we did," said the Other Sparrow. "Is she still wearing those funny hats?"

"Since bread rationing," said the Sparrow, "there's hardly a crumb to be picked up anywhere."

"Stop me if I crack a gag about cake crumbs, won't you?" said the Other Sparrow.

"We could fly down to Southampton," said the Sparrow.

"Nothing simpler," said the Other Sparrow.

"Hop on board the Queen Elizabeth," said the Sparrow, "and into a stateroom."

"Separate staterooms," said the Other Sparrow.

"They're very big staterooms," said the Sparrow.

"I'm taking no chances," said the Other Sparrow.

"All right," said the Sparrow, "separate staterooms."

"We shan't be in them long," said the Other Sparrow.

"Why not?" asked the Sparrow.

"People don't like sparrows in their staterooms."

"Then we'll sleep in one of the kitchens," said the Sparrow.

"Separate kitchens," said the Other Sparrow.

"But they're as big as the Albert Hall," said the Sparrow.

"I wouldn't take a chance with you in Olympia," said the Other Sparrow.

"Think of all the lovely food we could eat," said the Sparrow. "Think how fat we'd get."

"Not if we got near the cocktail bar," said the Other Sparrow.

"That's an idea, too," said the Sparrow. "They usually spill plenty, especially in rough weather. Boy, how a couple of drops of champagne would freshen me up."

"You're fresh enough as it is," said the Other Sparrow.

"Do you think so?" asked the Sparrow, putting his claw round her waist. "Won't you come?"

"Maybe, some day," said the Other Sparrow.

"Not next trip?"

"It's time for supper," said the Other Sparrow. "Worms fricassee, worms a la mode or worms a la maitre?"

"Anything those claws touch will be delicious," said the Sparrow, pecking at her before she escaped from him and hopped into her little kitchen.

Letter to a stomach

MY Dear Stomach, May I bring to your notice the case of Peggy Ann Elkerson, an eight-year-old negro girl, of Washington, D.C., who was born without a stomach?

She is healthy, happy, has a large appetite and drinks eight bottles of beer a day.

In view of the startling statement of a London doctor, commenting on the case, "that a stomach isn't really necessary," your considered opinion on this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Yours faithfully,
N. Gubbins.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your undated letter, I have to inform you that the case of Peggy Ann Elkerson had already been noted by me. As I considered a communication from you on this matter inevitable, I am able to forward, by return of post, the following observations:—

Although it may be true that stomachs are not necessary to life, any more than ears and noses are necessary to life. I would say that stomachs, like ears and noses and all other organs of the normal human body, are necessary to the full enjoyment of life.

Against this it may be argued that, without certain organs, life would be easier with fewer minor ailments.

Without a stomach, you would never have stomach-ache. Without teeth, you would never have tooth-ache. But I imagine that without stomach or teeth a meal in England would be even more unappetising than it is now.

So far as our particular relationship is concerned (the discussions of which, I presume, is the main object of your letter), I think you could have dispensed with my services long ago.

For the past 30 years I have never been used as a stomach proper; that is to say, for the digestion of food and the dispersal of nourishment into the blood stream. I have been used rather as a junction in a one-way traffic stream of cocktails and half-chewed sandwiches, which have been sent down at any time of the day or night instead of at regular intervals.

You and I would have been better off if your oesophagus had been connected directly with your duodenum (as in the case of the little Negro girl), cutting me out altogether and leaving me to lead my own life in peace.

I suppose, like an unwanted child, I would have become morbid and introspective and, lacking love and care and even notice, would have withered away before my time.

But even that unhappy fate would have been preferable to years of calculated brutality of callous indifference to pain and misery inflicted

ed by self-indulgence and the memory of 10,000 dismal dawns when breakfast was impossible and living through the day seemed improbable.

I see that the little Negro girl drinks eight bottles of beer a day. If she can do this at the age of eight without a stomach, I tremble to think what she might do at 48 with a stomach.

All things considered, I think it is just as well that her stomach was never born. Its fate might have been worse than mine.

Hoping these notes will be of some value and interest,

I remain, Sir,
Faithfully,
Your Stomach.

The sex war

THERE you go again. Women can never do right, can they?

"No, they can't."

"I'd like to know what you'd have done without one woman for a start."

"If you mean yourself, I'd have done very nicely."

"Doing all your own cooking and sorting all your own laundry, I suppose?"

"Everybody knows that men cook better than women. Otherwise they wouldn't employ chefs in the best hotels. And as for sorting laundry, any fool could do that."

"Perhaps you'd like to make a fool of yourself now?"

"I happen to have something better to do."

WILLIAM HICKEY**Buying & Selling**

In Geneva 250 delegates were discussing trade and making it sound dull. But to most people buying and selling was still as fascinating as ever.

EX-FARMER: Down in Sussex the local auctioneers still hoped that before it is auctioned somebody might make an offer for VERIA LYNN's farm-house, which the "Forces Sweet-heart" was giving up after little more than two years' stay. Will some enthusiast pay perhaps £15,000 to £17,500 to live in a 22-roomed house with Lynn associations? "We don't think so," say auctioneers. "Most of the possible buyers are commercial firms seeking offices."

ART-BUYERS: In London Captain HARRY PARKER (with probably the world's largest collection of naval and army prints—about 27,000 pictures) warned art buyers of the snags in valuing a work of art. "To show the hazards that are attached to commercial valuations, a 'Valuer's Licence' can be bought by anybody at any post office on payment of 3 guineas—no examination or knowledge is requisite."

SHOE SEEKERS: With 350,000 to 450,000 pairs of shoes due to be imported this year, women were looking at some of the first models from Switzerland. Czechoslovakia, France, SIDNEY WILSON, director of a company supplying shoes for about 2,000 stores, says: "We should bring in one million pairs of shoes for the next four years. Our women deserve to have more choice." But general feeling in the shoe trade, now nearing its prewar output, was different. "We can still make the best shoes and enough of them, if the Board of Trade would release the leather."

ADVERTISERS: In classified advertisements people were seeking a "Watchmaker, reasonable distance London," "a double bed over 5ft. wide," "a necklace."

Even medical men accept that wars may be cured by mental suggestion (where the more common treatment of rubbing with ordinary soda falls).

"Some women have better things to do. Some women write books and plays, and some are doctors and lawyers."

"They're never as good as men."

"How do you know they're never as good as men?"

"Because I happen to know they're not. Do you know the weight of a woman's brain?"

"I don't go round weighing people's brains."

"Have you ever heard of a woman composer?"

"Because I haven't heard of one that doesn't mean there's never been one."

"Well, there hasn't, anyway. And what about women poets?"

"Well, what about them?"

"There have never been any in the top class. That's what about them."

"That's because they've never had time to write poetry."

"Time to write poetry. You talk about writing poetry as if it was like writing a letter."

"Well, I don't suppose there's much difference. My mother always said my letters ought to go in a book. And what about women magistrates?"

"That's a nice one to bring up, I must say."

"Well, what's wrong with women magistrates?"

"There's nothing wrong with them except that women have no sense of justice, that's all."

"I suppose you'll say next that Bloody Judge Jeffrey's had a sense of justice?"

"There's no need to use bad language."

"That's not bad language. That was his name. I thought you were so clever at history."

"All I can say is that if Bloody Judge Jeffrey's had been a woman he'd have been a darn sight..."

"Careful."

"All right, all right."

"All right, yourself."

POCKET CARTOON

**BY THE WAY**

by Beachcomber

A MAN who had read a lot about the latest form of beastliness, the "Mushroom Liquor Men," went into a shop and asked for a bottle of the new mushroom liquor.

He was given a bottle labelled Old English Vintage Tokay. Made From the Finest Fresh Fruit Juice. The price was £5 10s. for a bottle. The man said, "But this isn't the new mushroom stuff, is it?" Two assistants exchanged a look. "Ah," said one, "you want this—it has a mushroom basis." And he handed the customer a bottle labelled: Finest Old Tawny English Brandy. Made From Grapes Grown On The Premises. The price was £8 15s. for a half bottle.

Can it be so serious?

FROM Messrs Fultermere, Fultermere and Upchurch to Mr. Poteto. We are therefore instructed by our client to inform you that legal proceedings will be taken, unless a full apology is forthcoming. From Messrs Dillith, Guffray and Dillith to Mr. Poteto: We are therefore instructed by our client to inform you that legal proceedings will be taken, unless a full apology is forthcoming.

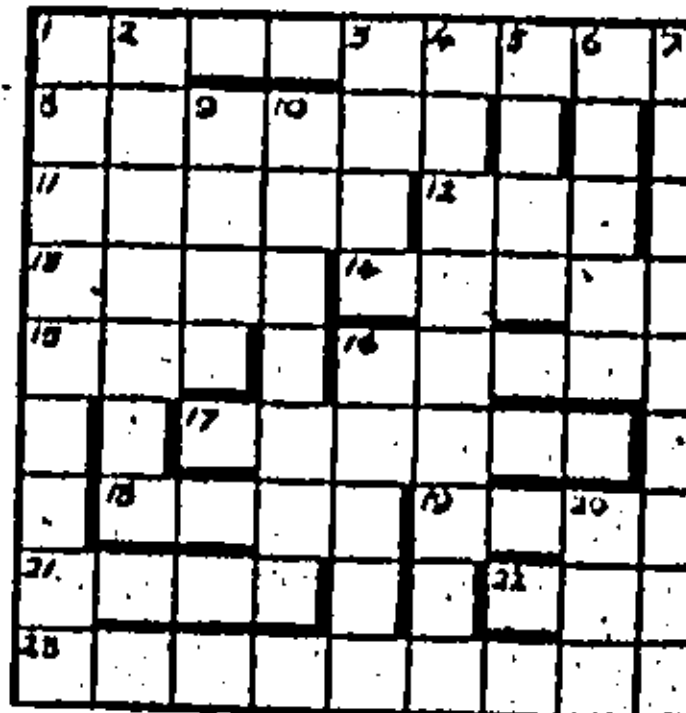
Mr. Potato and Mr. Poteto

"I SEE no reason," writes Mr. Poteto, "why a gentleman (to give him the benefit of a rather large doubt) with a name like Poteto should gratuitously pour contempt on me, merely because my name is Poteto. Mr. Poteto seeks to shield an offensive manner behind the absurd irrelevancy of some medieval gardener or other, Ranulf Poteto. Insolence is no argument, nor will I allow abuse from a low scoundrel make me lose my temper. There are law courts to deal with such foul campaigns of defamation. Let Mr. Poteto take the hint."

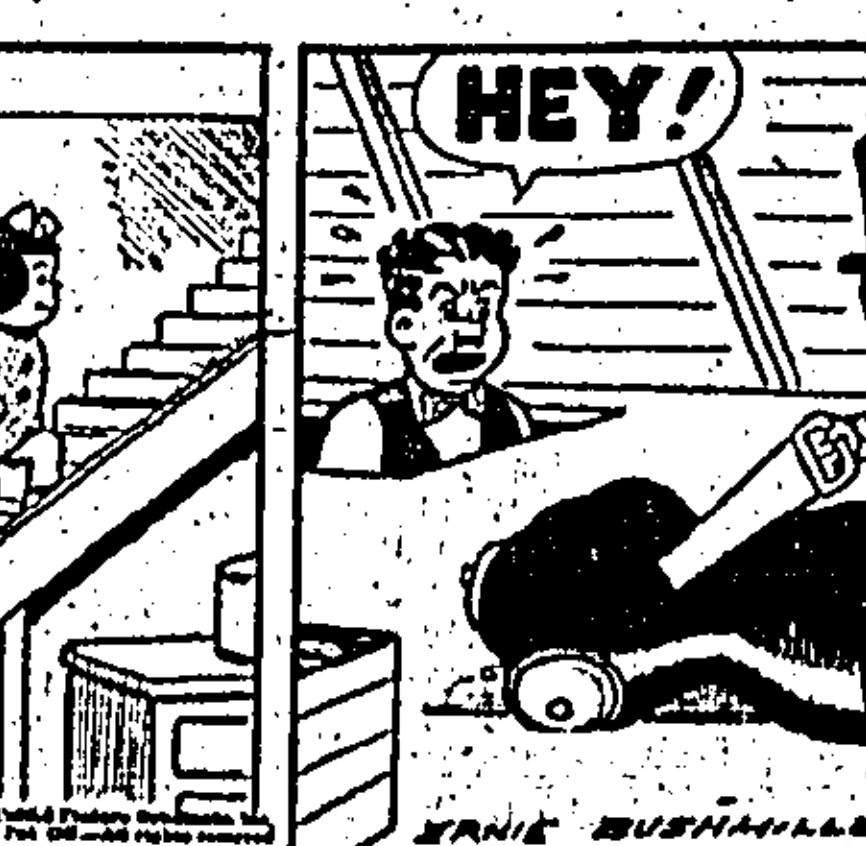
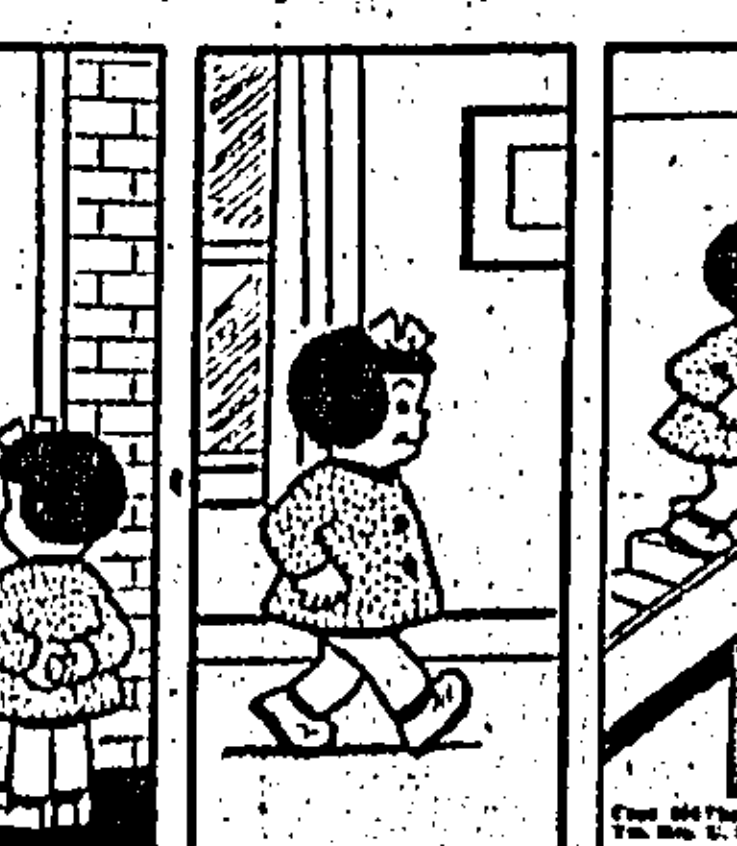
Mr. Poteto writes: "If Mr. Poteto's disreputable and disgusting letter is designed to induce me to exchange abuse, like Poteto, like Poteto should gratuitously pour contempt on me, merely because my name is Poteto. Mr. Poteto seeks to shield an offensive manner behind the absurd irrelevancy of some medieval gardener or other, Ranulf Poteto. Insolence is no argument, nor will I allow abuse from a low scoundrel make me lose my temper. There are law courts to deal with such foul campaigns of defamation. Let Mr. Poteto take the hint."

Dr. Rhubarb's corner

P. N. writes: My husband is a doctor, who objects to smoking. Whenever he is offered a cigarette, he pulls out a cigarette-case filled with thermometers, offers it, and says, "Try one of these. This makes him many enemies. How can I cure him?" Dr. Rhubarb says: If everybody to whom he held out his case were to take a thermometer, pretend to light it, and puff at it, and finally throw it away, shouting, "Turkish!" your husband would grow tired of his habit.

CROSSWORD

1. Start in Ecuador. (5)
2. Weightlifting bird? (5)
3. One course to take. (5)
4. Trees. (4)
5. Bird's nest something. (4)
6. Fertiliser by the mile. (4)
7. Fillock. (5)
8. My red coat (anag.). (9)
9. Down
10. Looks as though they should not. (10)
11. A small bone. (7)
12. Exam. (4)
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NANCY Look—No Practice!

By Ernie Bushmiller

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By LOIS LEEDS



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"DEAR LOIS LEEDS"

The Mail Bag is full to the top today! Here is one letter that I think will interest you because so many of you seem to have the same problem.

"Dear Lois Leeds—I have so much trouble in putting on a good make-up. Please explain the steps toward achieving that smooth look."

—L. G."

First, before any makeup is applied, cleanse your skin very carefully. Use soap and water or cleansing cream and skin lotion; choose your favourite, but have a clean skin. Then go over the surface of the skin with a little skin freshener. Blot this dry with a cosmetic tissue. Now you are ready to blend on your powder foundation. If your skin is normal or dry, use one of the cream foundations. Blend and smooth it on with your fingertips. If your skin is oily, choose one of the liquid foundations. Blend this on with a

bit of moistened absorbent cotton. Blot it dry with cosmetic tissues. Next, dot on your cream rouge and blend it well. If your pores are especially coarse, do not use cream rouge. Use a dry compact rouge and apply it after your face powder has been applied.

Be very sure to select a face powder which matches your skin tone and blends with your type, which can be determined so easily by the shade of your hair. A clean powder puff is a part of that "smooth look." Pat and blend the face powder all over throat and face. If there is some surplus, brush the skin lightly with a powder brush.

Next, brush your eyebrows and eyelashes to remove every trace of face powder. Accent the eyebrows by light pencilling. Accent the lips with the most becoming shade of lipstick. A light touch of eyeshadow is an "extra special" touch.

SOMETHING FOR TEA

Lemon Chiffon Pie is good at tea-time. Here's how to make it:

Clean the outside of a pedestal. Grease and cover with a blanket of crust.

Prick all over with a fork and bake in a very hot oven for about seven minutes, or until crisp. Remove carefully.

Make one pint lemonade with bottled squash. Use some of this to stir two tablespoons flour (or custard powder or cornflour) to a smooth paste. Add one to two eggs.

Bring the remaining lemonade to the boil, with a knob of margarine. Add to the egg mixture, stirring, replace in pan.

Cook gently for a few minutes (if you've used custard powder or cornflour just bring to boil again).

Dissolve one level tablespoon gelatine in 2-3 tablespoons boiling water. Add to lemon mixture.

Leave to set and cool completely. Beat up with a whisk, pour into baked shell, leave to stand and set again.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"How can you have the nerve to charge that much for wipers? Haven't you heard about the cuts on prices on cars?"

Duties Of British Commonwealth Force In Occupied Japan

The British Commonwealth Occupation Force first elements arrived in Japan in mid-February 1946. By July the movement of the whole Force up to strength was completed. This included bringing the Australians from Morotai, the New Zealanders from Italy, the British and Indian Divisions from India and parts of the British Commonwealth Air Group from Malaya and Burma.

The Force has an approximate strength of 30,000. This is made up as follows: Australians, 10,000; Indians, 10,000; United Kingdom troops, 5,000; New Zealanders, 5,000. The figures cover Army, Air Force and Navy strengths by nationalities.

The British Commonwealth Air Force which is included in the total has a strength of 6,000; it comprises Royal Air Force (RAF) Spitfire squadrons, Royal Indian Air Force Spitfire squadrons, Royal Australian Air Force Mustang squadrons, and Royal New Zealand Air Force Corsair squadrons. All are operationally efficient.

BCOF forces form more than 25 percent of the Allied occupation strength in Japan.

The BCOF occupies an area of 20,000 square miles of Japan, with a total population of 11,000,000 Japanese. This area comprises the prefectures of Yamaguchi, Hiroshima, Shikoku, Tokushima, and Okayama, in Southern Honshu, and the four prefectures of the island of Shikoku.

Role Solely Military

The role of the British Commonwealth Occupation Force in Japan is solely military. The Commander-in-Chief (Lieut-General H.C.H. Robertson, CBE, DSO) is responsible to the Supreme Commander SCAP, to whom he has direct access.

BCOF has no direct role in the Military Government of Japan or the area it occupies, because Military Government by Allied agreement, is solely a United States responsibility. For liaison purposes, in carrying out its military role, BCOF has a small section of British officers attached to the Military Government teams in the BCOF zone.

BCOF Intelligence and Security Units co-operate closely with the Military Government in all areas. Most of the personnel in these units are Japanese linguists, many of them with previous knowledge of Japan; they carry out one of BCOF's occupation roles—that is the policing of SCAP directives to the Japanese Government, on education, for instance.

Other definite tasks of BCOF have been the cataloguing of all enemy war equipment in the BCOF area and the destruction of all explosives and war equipment not required for the occupation forces. More than 70,000 tons of explosives have been destroyed plus more than 20,000 tons of poison gas.

In addition BCOF has played a large part in the apprehension of Koreans attempting to enter Japan illegally by sea along the north coast of Southern Honshu, in the handling of repatriate Japanese (more than 600,000) being brought back to Japan from overseas war theatres, and in the provision of assistance to the Japanese on the island of Shikoku, centre of the severe earthquake on December 21, 1946.

Guard Duties In Tokyo

In Tokyo, BCOF maintains an infantry battalion on permanent duty, sharing guard with US troops over prominent buildings, such as the Imperial Palace, foreign embassies and legations.

Their Dads Are Mostly Russians

About 90 percent of the illegitimate infants offered for adoption through the Berlin Youth Office in recent months are officially stated to have had Soviet fathers.

But applications from childless German couples for these half-Slavic, half-German tots far outnumber the supply.

"Now a new folk saying has spread," said Frau Charlotte Schwarze, white-haired executive of the Youth Office. "It is that a baby in whom German intelligence and Russian healthy primitiveness are mixed is the best."

In Berlin, occupied by troops of four Allied powers about 16 percent of the current rate of 2,500 births a month is made up of babies born out of wedlock.

No Discrimination

But only a few unmarried mothers a month report to the Youth Office and sign away their offspring. To do so, they must identify the father and certify as to their own good health.

No discrimination is made by the Youth Office in dealing with mothers who were Nazis and those who were not. But no former Nazi is now permitted to adopt a child.

As if in proof that nature is undaunted to restore the manpower losses of the war, boys outnumber girls by four to one among the illegitimate babies.

Frau Schwarze said the present rate of illegitimacy was about equal to wartime years, when the Nazis were officially encouraging an increase of babies without benefit of clergy.

perial Palace, foreign embassies and legations. This guard battalion is changed each month so that United Kingdom, Australian, Indian and New Zealand troops are seen in Tokyo in rotation and to enable all units of the Force to share in this task.

In Tokyo BCOF has its own cinema (The Piccadilly), its own Union Jack Club and its own hotel (The Marunouchi). Empire House (formerly the Nagai Building) is the Headquarters of the British Commonwealth Sub-Area in Tokyo.

Throughout Japan, BCOF is gradually securing a number of local centres which will enable all troops to visit famous tourist centres like Kyoto, Nikko, Beppu, Tokyo itself and the Atami peninsula.

Aiding Rehabilitation

From a British Commonwealth point of view the role of BCOF, in conjunction with the policy laid down by SCAP, is to maintain and enhance the prestige of the British Commonwealth of Nations, to worthily represent it in the occupation and to demonstrate to the Japanese people the democratic way of life.

Headquarters of BCOF is on the island of Eta Jima, in Kure harbour. Main supply base is at Kure itself, formerly Japan's great secret naval base and which suffered so severely from Allied bombing towards the end of the war.

At Kure and Hiroshima and other cities and towns which were bombed during the war, BCOF technicians on health, hygiene, engineering, architecture and other fields are helping the municipal authorities in their reconstruction and rehabilitation as a voluntary spare time effort.

Record Review

(Through United Press)

NEW YORK, Apr. 1.—A "Two Seats on the Aisle" album by Victor takes the listener right into the theatre for the condensed score of "Fifteen." The eight sides by Al Goodman and his orchestra are tuneful and romantic.

Miguelito Valdes sextet makes a bid for the Bluebird King title with four new musical releases. Some of the Latin rhythms included are "El Cajon," "El Maracaibo," and "La Comparsa."

Benny Goodman is off like a winner with his first recording under the Capitol label. Johnny Mercer sings with the Goodman band for the best number, "Moon-Faced, Starry-Eyed." The instrumental "Lonely Moments" backed by "Whistle Blues" is performed with typical Goodman "big band" style.

A new noisy novelty by Dusty Fletcher has been issued by National in the hopes it will come up to his 500,000 "Open the Door, Richard" sales. The record burster is "I'm Going Back in There."

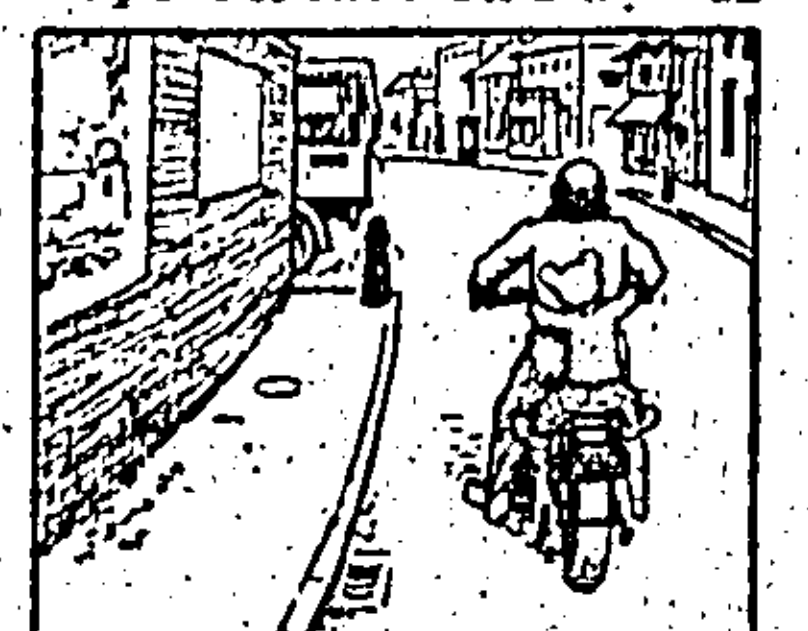
Harry James and orchestra have made a Columbia disc that should have considerable popularity. On the side is the fraternity flavoured "Heartache" and on the other, "I Tipped My Hat."

For hillbilly fans, Billy Williams and the Pecos River Rogues make "Gonna Leave My Love No More," on Victor, sound considerably better than the usual nasal treatment of such numbers.

An album "Animal Jam" by Disc Records feature four clever jam arrangements by Paul Nero's string trio. The most and funniest piece is "The Hot Canary."

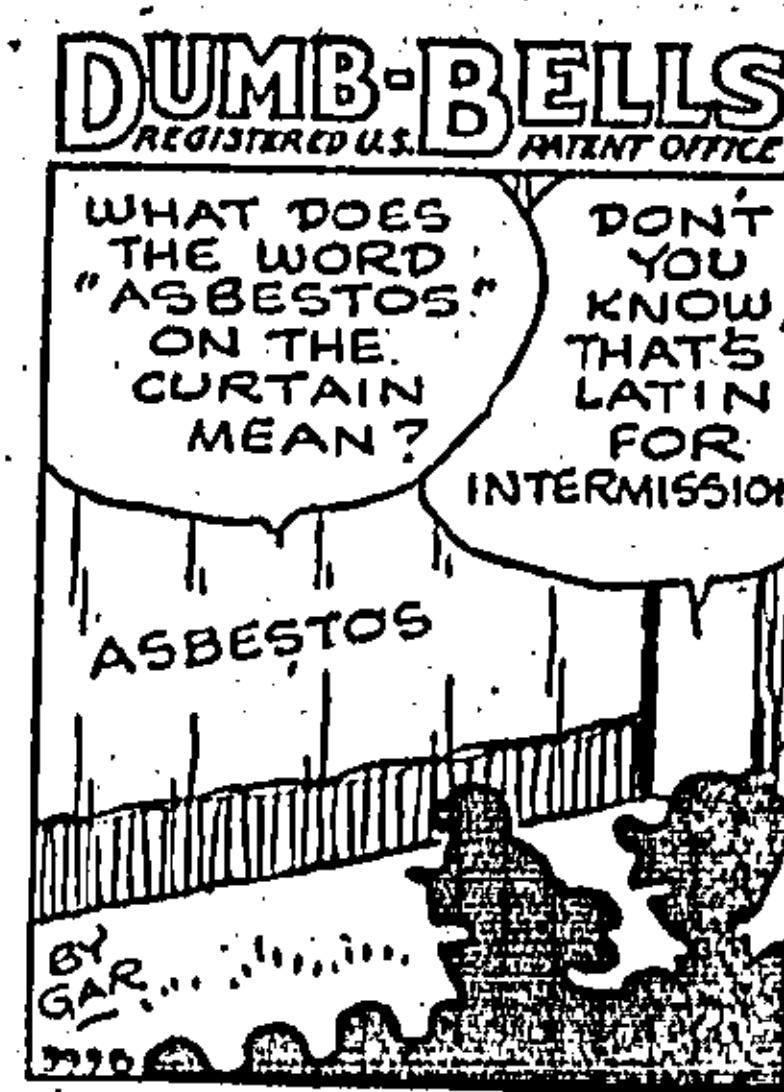
Claude Thornhill's band on a Columbia disc, has waxed some excellent instrumental fox trot dance music with a good tempo in "Autumn Nocturne" and "Snowfall."

Rupert & the New Pal—42



The motor-cycle tests along the country road, with Rupert clinging tightly to the rider, until they put on more speed and try to catch it. They reach the town of Sandy Bay close behind the van and just in time to see it turn into a large gateway in a long wall. "That's as far as I can take you," says the man. "I must get on with my business. That van has gone into the dockyard. If you want to follow it you must hurry."

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SOVIET PLAY ABOUT U.S. NEWSMEN

American occupation authorities in Germany have decided to act democratic about the whole thing and let the Russians stage their latest hit play from Moscow which depicts American correspondents as hard drinking, easily bought and general literary prostitutes.

The Soviets announce "The Russian Question" for opening with a German cast at the Deutsche Theatre in Berlin on May 27.

American authorities do not exactly approve of the plot, built around an American newspaperman who is assigned to Russia to write a book on why Russia wants a new war. In the play he does not write the book and is fired by his American publisher for his show of conscience, and un-American attitude.

However, after watching the Russians having difficulties in finding a German cast willing to appear in the play, it was decided to let nature take its course.

Nothing But Trouble

An American military government official said the United States refrained from objecting to the play at a four-power level for fear that such a protest might lead to an international incident, thus giving the Soviet sponsors a publicity vehicle.

Instead the Americans decided to bank on the westernised taste generally exhibited by German audiences and wait for the egg they hope the play lays.

So far, Soviet producers have had nothing but trouble in finding a cast for "The Russian Question." Two of Berlin's leading actors, Lola Muehl and Karl Heinz Schroth, have already refused the roles. Wolfgang Lukachy, it is reported, reluctantly accepted a part under protest. Others have been offering all kinds of excuses to escape reading the Moscow-slanted lines.—United Press.

UN TO OPEN OFFICE IN SHANGHAI

The opening, within a few weeks, of the United Nations office in Shanghai has been announced by Secretary-General Trygve Lie.

The Shanghai office will function as an information centre, but will also serve the Far Eastern Economic Commission, recently established by the Economic and Security Council. The Far Eastern Economic Commission is tentatively to hold its first meeting in Shanghai in June.

A special group of the United Nations Secretariat staff has been appointed by the Secretary-General to prepare for the opening of the office. The group is headed by George J. Janicek, executive officer of the United Nations Public Information Department.

The establishment of a United Nations office in the Pacific area is part of a plan for creating a worldwide network of United Nations information centres, which was approved by the General Assembly at the last session.—Central News.



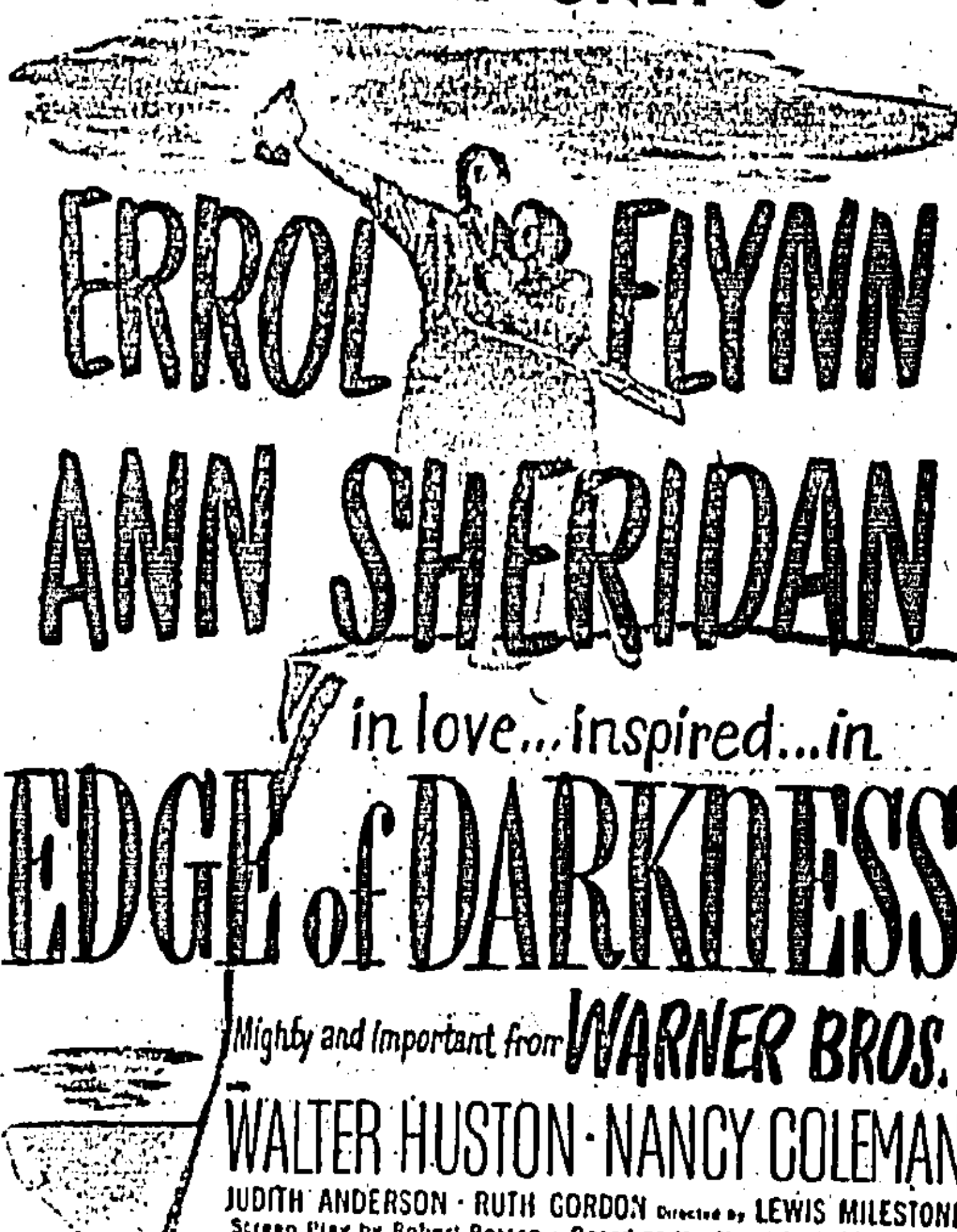
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Resistance Fugitives Flee Spain

Hendaye, Apr. 29. French border police today placed at 142 the number of anti-Franco fugitives who managed to flee across the frontier from Spain to France during March in the narrow area between Hendaye and Bayonne.

Unofficial sources, however, believe the actual number of Spanish resistance fugitives who entered France in bypassing Customs agents and gendarmes through the aid of smuggling rings.

They emphasize that the police count does not include many other fugitives who entered France in bypassing Customs agents and gendarmes through the aid of smuggling rings.

Most of these were Spanish civilians, but among the most recent arrivals were two soldiers—deserters from Franco's army—who slipped into France over mountain roads.

A representative of the Basque government in Bayonne said he estimated about 12,000 Basques were in Bilbao, representing all shades of political thought, who follow orders given by the anti-Franco resistance movement. He said the clandestine radio, Euzkadi, continued to broadcast daily without incident.

The same source said that in all of Spain, during the period between April 1 and 15, 7,000 persons were arrested by the Franco police for resistance activity.—United Press.

CZECHS BAN RED PAPER

Prague, Apr. 29. The Ministry of the Interior today announced the first newspaper confiscation in Bohemia-Moravia since the war, stating that Sunday's issue of the Communist-dominated Youth organ, Mlada Fronta, had been confiscated for an editorial on the political situation in Slovakia.

Although it was the first time the Czech police used their confiscation powers, Slovaks have quite frequently seen Bratislava papers gathered up by the police. The latest instance was on April 22, when three of the Slovak capital's five dailies were banned.

A Ministry of Information spokesman told the United Press the confiscation order had been intended merely as a warning and had no practical effect. Mlada Fronta's Sunday edition would be delivered normally and the police made no attempt to take up copies.

The spokesman said the order was not directed against the factual content of the article, but was issued because the editorial reprinted parts of an article from the Bratislava of Democratic Party origin.

On April 22, which was confiscated by the Slovak police as soon as it appeared.—United Press.

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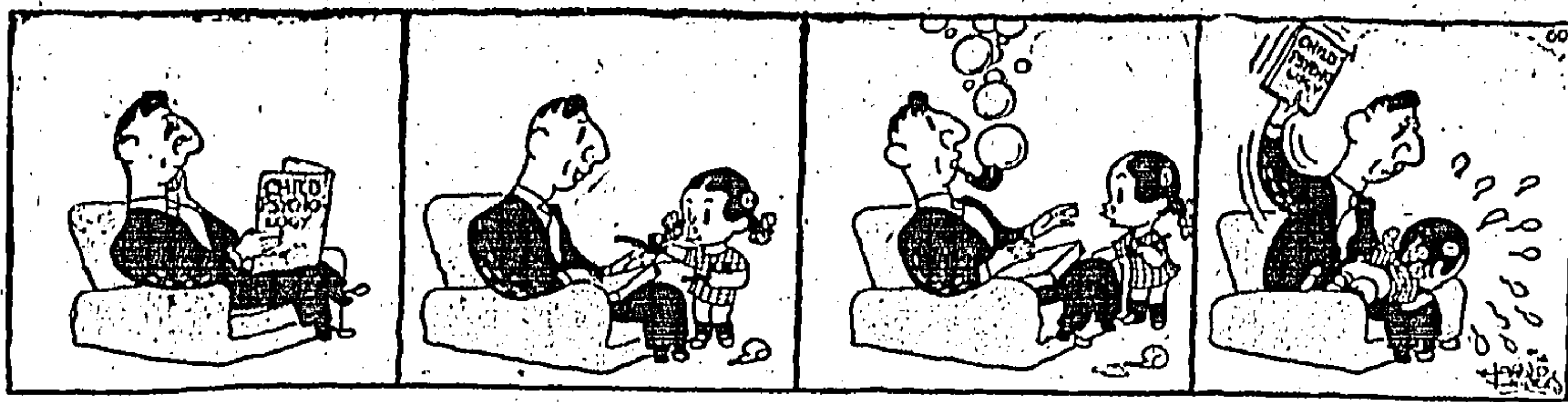
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Truman's Strong Bid For Election In 1948

Washington, Apr. 29. President Truman's campaign for a full White House term of his own is off to a bold start on a platform of debt reduction, protection of oppressed peoples abroad and no immediate tax cut at home. He is sharpening his veto pencil for some Republican legislation.

CLOSED DOORS TO DEBATE BALKAN ISSUE

Geneva, Apr. 29. The Balkans Investigation Commission of the United Nations closed the door to the public and the press today to discuss their failure as yet to reach agreement on the subsidiary investigating group for Greece, which by a United Nations Security Council mandate was to be sent to watch for frontier incidents.

After receiving the mandate here 10 days ago, the Western Allies advocated setting up the subsidiary group's headquarters in Salonika to be nearer the actual trouble centre of the disputed area. Russia was one of those opposing this plan, and it was understood that she stated it would be better to have headquarters in Athens. There, the Soviets reported, the Commission could get to the heart of the problem by studying Greece's internal conditions, particularly the shortcomings of the present regime.

Another point which is reportedly holding up formation of the subsidiary commission is Russia's insistence that the group be free to make its own decisions on its findings. The Soviets, it is understood, contend that the group should not be bound to refer the findings back to the Commission in Geneva and act upon its instructions.—United Press.

SMUTS' GOLDEN WEDDING

Cape Town, Apr. 30. Party members of both Houses of Parliament on Tuesday presented Field Marshal Jan Christian Smuts with an antique wooden casket on the occasion of his and Mrs Smuts' golden wedding anniversary, which they will celebrate today.

Smuts said the gift was in recognition not so much of himself as of his wife. "For the last 50 years, Mrs Smuts has always stuck to her guns," he said in a tribute to her.

Shortly after the presentation, Smuts left by plane for Pretoria where he will spend Wednesday quietly on his farm with Mrs Smuts, who has been too indisposed to come to Cape Town during the Parliamentary session. All of their children and their grandchildren will be present at the family celebration.—Associated Press.

BEVIN BACK AT HIS DESK

London, Apr. 29. The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, had a talk with the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, at No. 10 Downing Street this afternoon.

This was Mr Bevin's first public duty in London after his return from the Moscow Conference this morning. Immediately afterwards he went to his desk at the Foreign Office.

So far, it is learned from a reliable source that no definite arrangements have been made for the visit of Count Carlo Sforza, Italian Foreign Minister, to London, but it is now considered unlikely that he will visit Britain before June.

No debate on foreign affairs has yet been arranged in the House of Commons, but Mr Bevin will take the earliest opportunity of reporting to Parliament upon the meeting of the Foreign Ministers' Council in Moscow.—Reuter.

FREIGHTER AND STEAMER COLLIDE

Flushing, Holland, Apr. 30. The British freighter, Merzanser, collided with the U.S. steamer, Norwalk Victory, in the Scheldt river near Antwerp, Dutch Coast Guard said yesterday.

The 2,024-ton British ship was beached with the help of other ships off the village of Doel, near Antwerp, after sending a message stating that the ship is sinking and the crew safe.

The Norwalk Victory, which is operated by the Black Diamond Line and enroute to Rotterdam, returned to Antwerp.—Associated Press.

Teen-Agers Will Be Rampagers

Berlin, Apr. 29. The U.S. Army in Germany cracked down on a new disciplinary problem today. Combating a fresh outbreak of "unsatisfactory behaviour," General Lucius D. Clay's headquarters ordered American parents to "caution children not to hang out of windows or behave in a disorderly manner" while riding school buses.

"School bus privileges will be denied to children whose behaviour is constantly unsatisfactory," the Army threatened.—United Press.

India Warns Reds May Be Suppressed

New Delhi, Apr. 29. Indian Communists were warned today, during the Interim Government Assembly meeting, that steps might be taken to suppress Communist Party activities in India.

The Bengal delegate, Somnath Lahiri, only Communist member of the Assembly, had proposed that the new Constitution should guarantee citizens' rights against discrimination on political grounds.

Vallabhbhai Patel, right wing Congress Party leader and Minister of Home Affairs in the Interim Government, said: "There may be some political creeds which may be highly objectionable and may deserve, not discrimination, but suppression."—United Press.

Travancore Monazite

Bombay, Apr. 30. The Times of India said yesterday it was "understood" that the state of Travancore had entered into an agreement with the British Ministry of Supply under which Travancore would export 9,000 tons of uranium-bearing monazite sand to the United Kingdom in the next three years.

The paper said that Britain in return had agreed to help Travancore to establish a factory for the processing of monazite sand and the manufacture of thorium nitrate. It also said that thorium-bearing minerals had been found in the provinces of Bihar, Madras and Mysore.—Associated Press.

New Definition Of Surplus

Honolulu, Apr. 29. Vice-President Elpidio Quirino predicted today that most Philippine industries, including sugar, lumber and mining, would reach prewar levels within the next two years, and exports would reach prewar status in five years' time.

In a press conference during a stopover en route to Washington, Mr Quirino said the Philippines no longer had problems of food and clothing but still needed capital, technicians and coaching from the United States to rebuild the devastated country.

He said recent stories describing the looting of American surplus material in the Philippines were exaggerated, but admitted basically they were true.

He said Filipinos did not consider it stealing since "surplus" to them meant the United States did not want the material.

He is leaving this afternoon and is expected at San Francisco tomorrow.—United Press.

Plane Disappears

Vancouver, April 29. A Trans-Canada Airlines plane with 15 persons aboard disappeared on Monday night two minutes before it was scheduled to land here. Nothing more was heard from the plane after radioed that it was 7,000 feet over the west leg of the Vancouver range preparing for landing.

Efforts began at once to search for the rugged southeastern shore of Vancouver Island on Tuesday morning.

The vanished plane carried 12 passengers and three crew members. It was enroute to Vancouver from Lethbridge, Alberta.—United Press.

\$1,000,000 Promised For Flood Victims

London, Apr. 29. Official organizations and individuals in the British Dominions and colonies have given or promised a total of more than £1,000,000 for the relief of Britons who suffered damage to their lands and homes during the recent flooding, Mr A. G. Bottomly, Dominions Under-Secretary, announced in a parliamentary reply in the House of Commons today.

A similar statement was made in the House of Lords.—Reuter.

Hanged For Betraying Comrades

Prague, Apr. 29. Karel Gurda and William Gerik, Czech parachutists who betrayed their own comrades and helped the Gestapo to capture and kill the patriot executioners of Reinhard Heydrich, were hanged today in the courtyard of the Pankrac penitentiary.

They jumped into Czechoslovakia from British planes on March 27, 1942, having completed training in England with other Czech paratroopers. Ten weeks later they shared a 10,000,000 kroner reward for giving information which led to the discovery of eight of their comrades hidden in the crypt of the Russian Orthodox Boromelsky Church in Prague.

Two of the men in the crypt—Jan Kubis and Josef Gablik—had ambushed Heydrich, Deputy Reichsprotector of Bohemia and Moravia, on a lonely suburban street in Prague on May 27 and escaped after throwing a grenade into his car. The other six had helped in the plan of assassination.—United Press.

PALESTINE CHALLENGE

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"The effect of political Zionism on Palestine is nothing less than imperialism at its worst. The result is that all the Arab world today is in a state of high tension."

"We thank Judaism as a great world religion. Zionism, on the other hand, is poisoning the atmosphere between Jews and non-Jews in the Arab world."

"It is undermining national loyalty of many Jews all over the world. 'Nothing can remedy the situation except resort to the fundamental principles of the United Nations Charter declaring an independent Palestine along democratic lines, where all citizens enjoy equal rights."

"There is nothing about the Palestine political situation which requires the appointment of a committee," added Dr Jamall. The Polish delegate, Dr Josef Wladyslaw, said that his delegation believed all points of view should be heard, but added that the difficulty in the Egyptian proposal was that it suggested termination of the mandate before hearing the Jewish case.

He said that the Polish delegation would abstain from voting on the Egyptian proposal and urged the Steering Committee to take up as soon as possible the admission of Jewish representatives to the discussion.—Reuter.

OUTWARD MAILS

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Wednesday, April 30
Rangoon, Calcutta, Straits, Davao & Sourabaya (Sea) 2 p.m.
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Manila P.I. (Air) 10 a.m.
Formosa via Keelung (Sea) 10 a.m.
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Straits, Amoy (Sea) 3 p.m.
Kanton, Macao, Tientsin & Shekhi (Sea) 4 p.m.
Canton (Train) 4 p.m.
Saloon, Singapore, Colombo, Sydney, Auckland and London (Air) 3.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy, Shanghai & Peking (Air) 3.30 p.m.

Friday, May 2
Manila P.I. (Air) 10 a.m.
Straits, Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow and Saigon (Sea) 10 a.m.
Tientsin, Peking, Canton, Luichow and Kuning (Air) 5.30 p.m.
Straits, Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tientsin, Peking, Canton, Luichow and Kuning (Air) 3.30 p.m.

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ARMED TRIO IN LONDON JEWEL RAID

London, Apr. 29. Three masked gunmen, using American gangster methods strange to a city which has never armed its police, shot dead a man who attempted to intercept them today while they were fleeing from a jewellery store hold-up.

The trio escaped on foot after trying in vain to start their getaway car. They had fled empty-handed from the jewellery store when the manager refused to be intimidated by their guns.

Until recent months, British criminals seldom have used guns because of the stiff sentences that awaited them when convicted of armed robbery. Only early today, however, three men who were attempting to break into a West End gown shop fired three bullets at a police officer who surprised them. They escaped.

London police carry only a truncheon. The only exception is when a man known to be armed is trapped inside a building. Then guns are distributed sparingly to the besieging officers.—United Press.

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